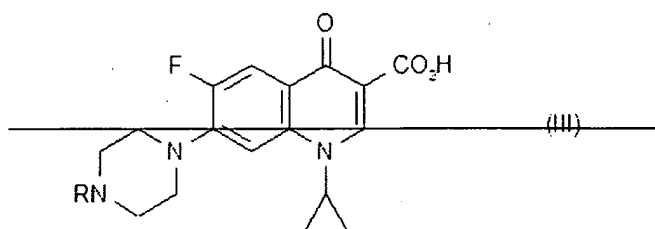


CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method ~~of treating a~~ ~~for controlling~~ bacterial ~~disease~~ diseases of ~~the lungs~~ ~~respiratory organs~~ in humans and animals comprising the step of locally administering an antibacterially effective amount of a solid ciprofloxacin betaine or enrofloxacin betaine of the ~~formula (III)~~



wherein R is H or C_2H_5 ,

or a solid slightly soluble salt of ciprofloxacin betaine or enrofloxacin betaine thereof, in a powder form or powder-containing suspension.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the solid slightly soluble salt ~~of the solid betaine of formula (III)~~ is an embonate salt.

4–9. (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the solid slightly soluble salt ~~of the solid betaine of formula (III)~~ is a hemiembonate salt.

11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the solid slightly soluble salt of the solid betaine of the formula (III) is a mixture of an embonate salt and a hemiembonate salt.

13–14. (canceled)

15. (new) The method according to claim 1, wherein the bacterial disease of the lungs is associated with cystic fibrosis, chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases (COPD), or bronchiactasis.